

**ANNUAL  
REPORT  
of the TOWN OFFICERS**

**BROOKFIELD  
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31**



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LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS

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*Moderator*

JASPER T. PALMER

*Selectmen*A. FRANK GARNEY WILLIAM R. WENTWORTH  
F. W. CHURCHILL*Treasurer*

HERRICK SIMPSON

*Town Clerk*

C. TRACY WILLEY

*Tax Collector*

MALCOLM FERGUSON

*School Board*C. TRACY WILLEY JASPER PALMER  
CHARLES A. WITHAM*Supervisors*M. GODFREY MATTSON CHARLES A. WITHAM  
WILLIAM TARLETON*Police Officer*

A. FRANK GARNEY

*Ballot Clerks*JOHN L. PRINDALL OTTO HANSEN  
IRENE L. CATE BRADLEY A. McCausland  
HARRIET TARLETON HENRY COLMAN  
CARL HANSEN*Auditors*

ALICE E. CHURCHILL MARY E. SAWYER

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING,****MARCH 9, 1948**

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**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield in the [L. S.] County of Carroll in said State, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Brookfield on Tuesday the ninth day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid on Class V roads and appropriate money for the same.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money to defray Town expenses in anticipation of taxes.

5. To see how much money, if any, the Town will vote toward the repairing of Dick Road.

6. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to secure and to raise and appropriate money to pay for the necessary bridge plank for repairs.

7. To see if the Town will vote to repair present tractor house and add to for the adequate housing of truck.

8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-fifth day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

A. FRANK GARNEY,  
WM. R. WENTWORTH,  
F. W. CHURCHILL,  
Selectmen of Brookfield.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

A. FRANK GARNEY,  
WM. R. WENTWORTH,  
F. W. CHURCHILL,  
Selectmen of Brookfield.

**BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD, N. H.**

Estimates of Revenue and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year January 1, 1948, to December 31, 1948, Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1947, to December 31, 1947.

**SOURCES OF REVENUE**

	Est. Rev. Prev. Yr. 1947	Act. Rev. Prev. Yr. 1947	Est. Rev. Ens'g Yr. 1948
<b>From State:</b>			
Interest and Dividends Tax,	\$1,500 00	\$2,255 23	\$1,800 00
Railroad Tax,	75 00		
Savings Bank Tax,		5 00	
For Fighting Forest Fires,	200 00	559 94	
State Treasurer, Bounties,		23 50	20 00
<b>From Local Sources Except Taxes:</b>			
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings,		5 00	
Income of Departments:			
Highway, including rental of equipment,	50 00	68 00	100 00
Refund, insurance,		6 51	
Refund, bankers,		3 26	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees,	197 90	285 21	225 00
Dog Licenses,	50 00	55 00	50 00
Sale of Town Property,		15 00	
<b>Amount Raised by Issue of Bonds or Notes,</b>		2,000 00	
<b>Cash Surplus,</b>	3,274 72	695 36	1,000 00
<b>From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:</b>			
Poll Taxes, Regular at \$2.00,	160 00	182 00	200 00
<b>Total Revenues from All Sources Except Property Taxes,</b>		\$6,144 01	
<b>Total Revenues,</b>	\$5,517 62	\$16,343 97	\$3,395 00

## TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

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## PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

Appro.	Act. Exp.	Est. Exp.
Prev. Yr.	Prev. Yr.	Ens'g Yr.
1947	1947	1948

## Current Maintenance Expenses:

## General Government:

Town Officers' Salaries,	\$650 00	\$648 00	\$700 00
Town Officers' Expenses,	225 00	158 49	175 00
Election and Registration Expenses,	75 00	58 87	475 00
Municipal Court Expenses,		4 00	
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings,	75 00	64 00	100 00

## Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Department,	6 00	12 50	15 00
Fire Department,	200 00	1,763 59	750 00

## Health:

Health Department, including hospitals,	3 00	3 00	3 00
Vital Statistics,	1 80	13 53	15 00

## Highways and Bridges:

Town Maintenance:			
Summer,	1,500 00	973 91	1,500 00
Winter,	2,000 00	2,459 19	2,500 00
General Expenses of Highway Department,		26 10	25 00
Town Road Aid,	260 00	260 33	260 42
Perambulation of Town Lines,			300 00

## Public Welfare:

Public Welfare,	100 00	50 00
Old Age Assistance,	100 00	100 00

## Patriotic Purposes:

Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations,	10 00	7 20	7 20
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## Public Service Enterprises:

Cemeteries,	100 00		
Bounties,		17 50	

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**Unclassified:**

Auto Fee Permits,		39 25	
Insurance,	180 00	207 36	180 00
Abatements,		13 60	
Service Charge,		4 05	4 00

**Interest:**

On Temporary Loans,		20 00	50 00
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**Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:**

<b>Highways and Bridges:</b>			
Plank, etc.,			100 00
Dick Road Special,			800 00
New Equipment,	1,500 00	3,016 37	1,200 00
<b>Payments to Other Governmental Divisions,</b>			
Payments to School Districts,	1,600 00	1,807 13	1,800 00
	4,000 00	4,350 00	4,000 00

Total Expenditures,		\$12,387 50	\$16,027 97	\$15,149 20
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**SUMMARY OF INVENTORY**

Land and Buildings,		\$293,971 00
Growing Wood and Timber,		67,530 00
Electric Plants,	3	9,000 00
Horses,	12	1,245 00
Cows,	50	5,135 00
Neat Stock,	2	120 00
Fowls,	400	400 00
Boats and Launches,	5	150 00
Aqueducts,	1	4,000 00
 Total Valuation,		\$381,551 00
Poll Taxes, No. 200, at \$2.00,		\$400 00
Amount committed to Collector, including polls,		10,179 96
Rate,		1 90
Amount exempted to soldiers,		9,000 00

**STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES****Assessed Less Estimated Credits and Revenues**

Total town and school appropriations,	\$15,149 20
Interest and dividend tax,	\$1,800 00
Motor vehicle permit fees,	225 00
Rent of town property,	100 00
School credit (overpay),	350 00
Cash on hand,	695 36
	—————
	\$3,170 36
	—————
Plus overlay,	\$11,978 84
	598 94
	—————
	\$12,577 78
Less poll taxes, No. 100, at \$2.00,	200 00
	—————
Total taxes committed to collector,	\$12,377 78
	—————

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS JANUARY 1, 1948**

Cash in hands of treasurer,	\$695 36
Due from State:	
Fire patrol,	69 50
Renting of equipment,	77 50
Other Bills Due Town:	
Over paid to School District,	350 00
Bounties,	17 50
Uncollected taxes,	939 62
	—————
	\$2,149 48

**LIABILITIES**

Liabilities, none	
Excess of assets over liabilities,	\$2,149 48

**ABATEMENTS OF 1947**

Abatement of taxes,	\$13 60
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**LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY**

Town hall, land and buildings,	\$5,000 00
Furniture and equipment,	500 00
Fire equipment,	100 00
Tractor House No. 1,	1,000 00
Tractor House No. 2,	300 00
Highway equipment,	7,650 00
School land and buildings,	1,000 00
School equipment,	500 00
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	\$16,050 00

**SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS**

Cash on hand January 1, 1947,	\$3,274 72
A. Frank Garney, Collector, 1947,	9,981 06
A. Frank Garney, Collector, 1946,	198 90
State Treasurer:	
Bounties, 1946,	23 50
Interest and dividend tax,	2,255 23
C. Tracy Willey, dog licenses,	55 00
C. Tracy Willey, auto registrations,	285 21
Plowing driveways,	65 00
From State, fighting fire,	559 94
Insurance adjustment,	6 51
Refunds,	3 26
Sale of town books,	15 00
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	\$16,723 33

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

Town officers' salaries,	\$648 00
Town officers' expenses,	158 49
Election and registration,	58 87
Town hall and other buildings,	64 00
Police department,	12 50
Fire department,	1,763 59
Bounties,	17 50
Health department,	3 00
Vital statistics,	13 53
Summer highway,	973 91
Winter highway,	2,485 29
Class V,	260 33
Insurance,	207 36
Memorial Day, flags,	7 20
County tax,	1,807 13
School district,	4,350 00
Wolfeboro National Bank, service charges,	4 05
Municipal Court,	4 00
New equipment,	3,016 37
Cemeteries,	100 00
Town clerk, license fees,	39 25
Abatements,	13 60
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	\$16,027 97

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A. FRANK GARNEY,

WILLIAM R. WENTWORTH,

F. W. CHURCHILL,

Selectmen.

HERRICK SIMPSON,

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR, 1947

For Town of Brookfield, N. H.

1947 taxes to collector,	\$10,681 08
100 poll taxes at \$2.00,	200 00
Extra, Walter Bullard,	53 20
Collected and paid town treasurer,	\$9,981 06
In the hands of tax collector,	156 63
Uncollected taxes of 1947,	782 99
Less abatements allowed,	13 60
1945 taxes to collector,	\$24 40
Amount collected,	14 90
Interest,	1 67
Uncollected,	9 50
1946 taxes to collector,	\$214 14
Amount collected,	188 68
Interest,	76
Uncollected,	25 46
Melanson tax redeemed,	18 00
Harry Sibley, redeemed the Saunders lot,	32 73

MALCOLM FERGUSON,  
Tax Collector.

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## TREASURER'S REPORT

Fiscal Year 1947

## Receipts for Year

A. Frank Garney, 1947,	\$9,981 06
A. Frank Garney, 1946,	180 90
Selectmen, 1946,	18 00
	\$10,179 96

## TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

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## State Treasurer:

Bounty on hedgehogs,	\$23 50
Savings bank tax, railroad tax, interest and dividend tax,	2,255 23
Forest fires,	559 94
	—————
	\$2,838 67

## C. Tracy Willey, Clerk:

Auto registrations,	\$285 21
Dog licenses,	55 00
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Ferguson, sale of books,	\$340 21
Ralph H. Bunker, refund,	15 00
U. S. Fid. & Guar. Co., refund,	3 26

## Plowing Driveways:

Wallace C. Wright,	\$5 00
Wm. Ingraham,	5 00
Bert Shortridge,	10 00
Joe Muller,	10 00
C. Tracy Willey,	10 00
Fred Churchill,	5 00
Herrick R. Simpson,	10 00
J. Lyman Belknap,	10 00
	—————
	\$65 00

Loan from bank June, 1947,	\$2,000 00
Cash on hand December 31, 1946,	3,274 72
Total receipts for 1947,	13,448 61

Total amount available,	\$18,723 33
Paid by Selectmen's Orders,	\$18,023 92
Bank service charge,	4 05
	—————
	\$18,027 97

Cash on hand December 31, 1947, \$695 36  
 Above \$18,023.92 expense includes \$2,020.00 payment  
 of bank loan.

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A true summary of accounts taken from books of  
 Treasurer for fiscal year 1947, and respectfully sub-  
 mitted to you by

HERRICK R. SIMPSON,  
 Treasurer.

Audited by:

MARY E. SAWYER,  
 ALICE M. CHURCHILL,  
 Auditors of Brookfield.

February 11, 1948.

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF  
 APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES**

	Appro- priations	Actual Payments
Town officers' salaries,	\$700 00	\$648 00
Town officers' expenses,	175 00	158 49
Election and registration,	475 00	58 87
Town hall and other buildings,	100 00	64 00
Police department,	15 00	12 50
Health department,	3 00	3 00
Vital statistics,	15 00	13 53
Summer highway,	1,500 00	973 91
Winter highway,	2,500 00	2,485 29
Class V (road),	260 00	260 33
Fire department,	750 00	1,763 59
Bounties,	None	17 50
Old age assistance and town poor,	150 00	None
Insurance,	180 00	207 36
County tax,	1,800 00	1,807 13

## TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

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State Assessors' dues,	None	None
School district,	4,000 00	4,350 00
Memorial Day,	7 20	7 20
Property bought by town,	None	None
Special polls to State,	None	None
Bank service charges,	4 00	4 05
Interest on loan, anticipation of taxes,	50 00	20 00
Dick Road Special,	800 00	None
New addition to tractor house,	1,000 00	None
Repair to present tractor house,	200 00	None
New equipment,	None	3,016 37
New bridge plank,	100 00	None
Cemeteries,	None	100 00
Municipal Court,	None	4 00
Town clerk, license fees,	40 00	39 25
Abatements,	None	13 60
Highway department expense,	25 00	
Perambulation of town lines,	300 00	
	\$15,149 20	\$16,027 97

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

John A. Cotton, selectman,	\$40 00
William R. Wentworth, selectman,	150 00
J. Lyman Belknap, selectman,	40 00
Mary E. Witham, treasurer,	12 00
Fred Churchill,	110 00
Joseph Muller,	110 00
C. Tracy Willey, town clerk,	60 00
Herrick Simpson,	38 00
A. Frank Garney, tax and police,	73 00
Harriet Tarleton,	5 00
Alice Churchill,	10 00
	\$648 00

**TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES**

William Wentworth, bonds,	\$20 00
Ralph Bracket, stationery,	13 80
Marion Holman, clerical,	5 00
Kingswood Press,	22 50
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc.,	5 65
Eastman Company, Inc., dog tags,	3 64
Frank Dodier,	1 50
Ralph Hansen,	2 00
Herrick Simpson,	10 00
C. Tracy Willey,	10 00
A. Frank Garney, tax collector,	12 40
A. Frank Garney, police department,	9 50
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	\$170 99

**TOWN HALL AND OTHER BUILDINGS**

Public Service Co. of N. H.,	\$12 00
Edgar Drown,	6 00
Fred Elliott,	32 00
Clyde Laskey,	10 00
Carl Dodier,	4 00
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	\$64 00

**ELECTION AND REGISTRATION**

Jasper Palmer,	\$5 00
Irene Cate,	5 00
Carl Hanson,	5 00
Bradley McCausland,	5 00
Harriet Tarleton,	5 00
William Tarleton,	10 00
Charles Witham,	10 00
Joe Muller,	10 00
Brown & Saltmarsh, Inc.,	3 87
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	\$58 87

**BOUNTIES**

Bounties,	\$17 50
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**VITAL STATISTICS**

Vital statistics,	\$13 53
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**HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Health Department,	\$3 00
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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

C. Tracy Willey, back road,	\$170 90
C. Tracy Willey, ball field,	33 15
Sanbornville fire truck,	300 00
C. Tracy Willey, sand on road,	1,069 64
C. Tracy Willey, fire patrol,	163 90
Luther McBrien, forest fire,	16 00
C. Tracy Willey, fire permits,	10 00

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	\$1,763 59
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**INSURANCE**

Charles W. Varney,	\$58 41
William Wentworth,	21 88
William Wentworth,	3 00
William Wentworth,	75 50
William Wentworth,	48 57

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	\$207 36
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**PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL  
DIVISIONS**

Kennett Berry, county treasurer,	\$1,807 13
School department,	4,350 00
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	\$6,157 13

**PATRIOTIC PURPOSES**

E. H. Himes, flags,	\$7 20
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**BANK SERVICE CHARGES**

Wolfeboro National Bank,	\$4 05
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**SUMMER HIGHWAY**

Frank Dodier,	\$248 00
Ray Nason,	6 00
Carl Dodier,	70 00
Ralph Dodier,	28 80
Wesley Glennon,	11 20
Earl Dodier,	9 60
Richard Burbine,	9 20
Sanbornville Garage,	29 65
Chas. Witham,	31 60
Ben Welsh,	9 20
Socony Vacuum,	87 31
Ed Mitchell,	14 40
L. Belknap,	57 75
R. Swinerton,	5 00
Diamond Match,	10 60
Bob Palmer,	24 50
Phil McBrien,	225 20
Lakes Region Motor,	95 90
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	\$973 91

## SUMMER HIGHWAY, CLASS V

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire,	\$260 33
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## WINTER HIGHWAY

Frank Dodier,	\$351 85
Carl Dodier,	217 80
Earl Dodier,	176 80
Sanbornville Garage,	125 57
Oscar Duchano,	20 00
Lakes Region Motor Co.,	396 87
Phil McBrien,	86 10
Collector of Internal Revenue, withholding tax,	23 90
Clark Wilcox Company,	13 34
Norris Cate,	49 96
Socony Vacuum,	270 67
Charles Witham,	10 00
Arthur Pike,	33 97
Wakefield Garage,	2 00
Wallace Glennon,	4 80
Bill Glennon,	4 80
Westly Glennon,	10 40
Lillian West,	7 00
C. W. Watson & Son Co.,	251 14
R. M. Horn,	6 00
W. C. Woodbury,	19 50
Berry Machine Co.,	17 78
Auclair Trans. Co.,	4 82
Luther McBrien,	141 50
Raymond Nason,	124 10
Ralph Bunker,	7 50
C. Cotton,	13 00
R. Swinerton,	7 64
W. Wentworth,	23 08
N. Fergerson,	9 90

Harold Feist,	5 40
Merrimack Farmers, salt,	22 00
Highway expense,	26 10
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	<b>\$2,485 29</b>

## FOREST FIRE PROBLEM SERIOUS

The year 1947 was one of the worst periods of drouth and forest fire occurrence in eastern United States history. Lack of water ruined crops, lowered water levels and dried up brooks everywhere. Three months of deficient rainfall and abnormally high temperatures resulted in many fires which were mostly well controlled and kept within bounds. Only the high winds beginning on October 23rd caused a few fires to escape beyond immediate control. These few fires resulted in burning some 15,000 acres and the loss of 63 or more buildings in four New Hampshire towns.

All October fires were costly. They burned deeply in the ground and required day and night patrol of large crews of men until the rains came late in October. Towns which escaped from serious fires might easily have been in the midst of the most serious conflagrations we had.

Governor Dale closed the woods effective at midnight of October 15th. With the blow-up of October 23rd, a second proclamation closed all back roads and authorized towns to inaugurate patrol. The effect of this was to cut down subsequent fires for the rest of the dry period.

Local fire warden forces performed an admirable job to hold the more than 200 fires that occurred during this October period. Many men were taxed to the utmost as the emergency continued. To them and all

those who did their work, the people of New Hampshire owe a debt of gratitude. The state forest fire control agency based on local town wardens and town crews wherever adequately equipped rose to the occasion and met the test in whatever town their services were needed.

It is now time to take stock everywhere of our fire fighting facilities for the season ahead and to make them adequate where necessary. To this end town fire plans and training programs for wardens, deputies and other key men in each district are being arranged or in progress. If equipment and tools are insufficient properly to equip the available man power in each community with the right tools for the job, they should be provided for at once. The yearly addition of fire tools to the town supply will generally need to be built up. The state sells tools to the towns and shares one-half their cost. Good equipment is important and can help greatly to keep both damage and fire costs at a minimum.

For many years we have requested our wardens not to issue burning permits except on rainy days. This regulation will be in effect again this year as it is one of the best means of assuring such fires from getting out of control. Nine out of every ten fires can be prevented, 98 percent of all fires being due to human carelessness. Be sure to get a permit for any fire in or near woodland when the ground is free from snow. Be sure your fires are always out before you leave them. Help us in getting the travelling public to keep from throwing out lighted matches or cigarettes. Be careful of all fires in or near woodland.

**STEPHEN H. BOOMER,**  
**District Chief.**

## 1947 FIRE RECORD

Number of fires, 3  
 Acreage burned,  $10\frac{3}{4}$   
**TRUST FUNDS HERE . . . . .**

**SCHOOL REPORT****LIST OF SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS**

School Board

C. TRACY WILLEY NORRIS E. CATE  
CHARLES A. WITHAM

Clerk

EVA C. WILLEY

Treasurer

MARY E. WITHAM

Truant Officer

A. FRANK GARNEY

**SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1947-1948**

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947.

School District of Brookfield

**Detailed Statement of Expenditures****Support of Schools:**

	Elementary
Teachers' salaries,	\$2,000 00
Text books,	28 00
Scholars' supplies,	65 00
Flags and appurtenances,	5 00
Other expenses of instruction,	63 00
Janitor service,	110 00
Fuel,	90 00
Water, light, janitor's supplies,	48 00
Minor repairs and expenses,	25 00

Health supervision (medical inspection),	65 00
Transportation of pupils,	800 00
Other special activities,	15 00
	————— \$3,314 00

**Other Statutory Requirements:**

Salaries of district officers (fixed by district),	\$94 00
Truant officer and school census (fixed by district),	5 00
Payment of tuition in high schools and academies (estimated by board),	650 00
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by supervisory union),	75 00
Per capita tax (report of State Treasurer),	32 00
Other obligations imposed by law or established by district,	110 00
	————— \$966 00

Total amount required to meet school board's budget,	\$4,280 00
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**Estimated Income of District**

State Aid (December 1947 allotment),	\$250 00
Dog tax (estimate),	30 00

Deduct total estimated income (not raised by taxation),	\$280 00
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Assessment required to balance school board's budget,	\$4,000 00
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## **REPORT OF TREASURER**

## **Brookfield School District**

## **Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1947**

**Received from Selectmen:**

Appropriation for year,	\$2,491 00
Borrowed on account of	
1947-48,	800 00
Dog tax,	29 09
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	\$3,320 09

**Received from State Treasurer:**

Refund on per capita tax,	\$2 00
Tonsils,	4
Reimbursement school lunch,	171 90
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	\$173 90

Total amount available for  
fiscal year, \$3,493 99

### Expenses for Year:

School board orders paid,	\$3,211	26	
Bank service charge,	8	17	
Deficit of June 30, 1946,	29	99	
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		\$3,249	42

Cash on hand June 30, 1947, \$244 57

Summary of account of Treasurer, respectfully submitted to you by

MARY E. WITHAM,  
Treasurer.

Audited by:

ALICE M. CHURCHILL,  
M. GODFREY MATTSON,  
Auditors.

July 14, 1947.

**FINANCIAL REPORT, 1946-1947****Brookfield School District****Payments****SALARIES OF OFFICERS**

C. Tracy Willey,	\$30 00
Norris E. Cate,	20 00
Charles A. Witham,	20 00
Mary E. Witham,	20 00
Alice M. Churchill,	2 00
M. Godfrey Mattson,	2 00
Marion Holman, 1945-46,	2 00
M. Godfrey Mattson, 1945-46,	2 00
	_____
	\$98 00

**SUPERINTENDENT'S SALARY**

Mrs. Mabel Beckwith,	\$32 60
School District of Wakefield,	20 80
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	\$53 40

**TRUANT OFFICER**

A. Frank Garney,	\$5 00
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**EXPENSE OF ADMINISTRATION**

Edson C. Eastman Co., Inc.,	\$10 11
E. H. Brasier,	1 24
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	\$11 35

**TEACHER'S SALARY**

Eva C. Willey,	\$1,116 80
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**TEXT BOOKS**

Iroquois Publishing Co., Inc.,	\$15 00
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**SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES**

Edward E. Babb Co., Inc.,	\$33 81
A. H. Rice and Co.,	50
Tobey's Pharmacy,	1 60
	_____
	\$35 91

## HIGH SCHOOL AND ACADEMY TUITION

Vincent Rogers,	\$50 00
School Department of Rochester,	295 00
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	\$345 00

## OTHER SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Edward E. Babb Co., Inc.,	\$9 13
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## INSURANCE

Wm. R. Wentworth,	\$5 00
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## OTHER FIXED CHARGES

F. Gordon Kimball,	\$30 00
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## NEW EQUIPMENT

James Bailey Co., Inc.,	\$2 19
Teacher's retirement,	156 00
School lunches,	171 90
Bank service charge,	8 17
Collector of Internal Revenue,	35 20
Deficit of June 30, 1946,	29 99
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Total expenses,	\$3,249 42

Audited July 14, 1947:

ALICE M. CHURCHILL,  
M. GODFREY MATTSON,  
Auditors.

## FLAGS AND APPURTENANCES

C. Tracy Willey,	\$5 00
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## OTHER EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

American Education Press, Inc.,	\$6 30
World Book Co.,	2 45
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	\$8 75

## JANITOR SERVICE

Eva C. Willey,	\$32 50
John L. Prindall,	67 50
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	\$100 00

## FUEL

C. Tracy Willey,	\$90 00
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## LIGHTS AND JANITOR SUPPLIES

Public Service Co. of N. H.,	\$21 40
Frank Dodier,	4 00
Floor Shine Wax Co.,	6 00
Thomas B. Tupper,	1 70
J. M. Haynes Estate,	10 80
Moulton's Store,	3 70
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	\$47 63

## MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES

Lillian West,	\$6 00
Charles A. Witham,	10 00
C. Tracy Willey,	12 00
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	\$28 00

## MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dorothy Willey,	\$50 00
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## TRANSPORTATION

Charles A. Witham,	\$792 00
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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL HEALTH

## DEPARTMENT

February 1, 1947—February 1, 1948

Children examined, 16.

	Defects	Treatment
Vision,	4	2
Teeth,	14	14
Adenoids,	4	
Skin diseases,	3	3
Hearing,	3	
Communicable diseases,	12	

T. B. Patch Test,  
School visits, 29.

11 Negative

These children are having milk and hot lunches under the direction of the teacher.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY T. WILLEY,  
School Nurse.

### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Brookfield:

The school year ending June 30, 1947, was historic in New Hampshire education. During this year twelve Lay-Professional Councils of thirty-six members each on a state-wide basis, were formed for the purpose of studying New Hampshire schools and advising on their program. These 432 members and hundreds of guests studied the purposes and curriculum of elementary, secondary, adult, higher, and vocational education in the state; policies on cooperation among school districts; financial policies; and the responsibility of local, state and federal agencies for the welfare of the educational system of our state. The conclusions of the twelve committees were coordinated in a single report and published by the State Board of Education. This report is an outstanding contribution to the field of education and should be read by every citizen.

One of the most important outcomes of this work was the stimulus to greater cooperation between citizens, parents and members of the profession. Our schools would benefit greatly by similar projects on a local scale. This is being done in two districts through recently formed Parent-Teacher Associations.

Of primary importance was an act by the Legislature whereby state aid was increased to \$2,000,000.00.

Most of our towns benefitted materially by this, with a consequent relief of real estate taxation.

But the problems of our schools never cease. A marked increase in school population in most towns, increases in cost in all departments, and the scarcity of qualified teachers raise important questions that demand the serious consideration of every citizen. In your schools today are your future selectmen, representatives, school board members, doctors, lawyers, teachers, and merchants. They must be trained adequately to discharge the responsibilities on the local, state and national level that you now bear.

It is said there are two things we may always be sure will be with us. One of these is taxes. The cost of our schools is a serious matter. It is true that measured on the basis of cost per pupil the cost of education in Brookfield is high. However a more equitable index for judging this is the effort a community makes in providing adequate schools. Measured on the basis of cost per \$1,000 equalized valuation Brookfield is relatively low among the districts in this state. According to the latest report available the lowest cost to any district in the state is \$3.73, the highest \$32.41. The cost to Brookfield is \$7.15. Calling the lowest cost No. 1 and the highest No. 240, Brookfield would be No. 17. There would be sixteen districts in the state with lower cost, and 223 districts with higher costs.

The high standard of instruction in the Churchill School continues under Mrs. Eva Willey. The scholastic accomplishment and the fine spirit of good citizenship evident to the visitor at this school reflects high credit to the community.

The cordial and sincere cooperation of the members of the School Board, Mrs. Willey, citizens, and the pupils in the Churchill School make my work in Brookfield a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,  
EVERETT H. BRASIER.

February 1, 1948.

**Statistics**

Number of weeks of school year,	38
Average number of half-days in session,	358
Total number of different pupils registered, Boys 6; Girls 10	16
Average membership in elementary schools,	14.82
Per cent of attendance in all schools for year,	97.91
Number of cases of tardiness,	0
Number of pupils transported at district expense,	9
Number of visits to school by School Board members,	19
Number of visits to school by citizens,	50
Number of visits to school by Superintendent,	21
Number of School Board meetings held,	3
Perfect attendance for the school year 1946-47:	

Roberta Nason

Ronald Nason

## Births Registered in the Town of Brookfield, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date of Birth	Name of the Child (if any)	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Residence of Parents	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
				Color of Parents			
				Sex			
1947							
Jan. 2	Wolfeboro Thos. M. Hooper	M L 1	Ralph E. Hooper	A. Dorothy Haines	Brookfield	Wolfeboro	Wolfeboro
June 2	Wolfeboro Pamela A. Dodier	F L 2	Frank R. Dodier	Ruth V. Churchhill	Brookfield	Somerville, Ms.	Brookfield
Apr. 28	Wolfeboro Earleen S. Dodier	F L 1	Earl S. Dodier	Mary E. Hannigan	Brookfield	Somerville, Ms.	Providence, R. I.
				All White	Mason's Tender	Wolfeboro	
					Road Agent	Somerville, Ms.	
					Laborer	Wolfeboro	

## Deaths Registered in the Town of Brookfield, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1947

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age in Years	Days	Mo.	Year	Place of Birth	Occupation	Color	Sex	Spouse, Wid.	Place of Birth	Father	Mother	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1947																
June 4	Brookfield	Wallace Wright	62	316	Lynn, Ms.				M	White		Lynn, Ms.		Frank E. Wright	Alberta Clark	
Aug. 19	Wolfeboro	Grace Shortridge	71	1	Dover				M	Wife				James Stevens	Sarah A. Emery	
Nov. 8	Brookfield	Herbert Moullon	47	129	Acton, Me.				M	Housewife				Justine Moulton	Edith Ham	
Sept. 17	Hartford, Vt.	Herbert Rines	59	0	Brookfield				M	Shoeworker				Elijah M. Rines	Emma Dearborn	
									All	S Painter						

I hereby certify that the above returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. TRACY WILLEY,  
Town Clerk.

## ANNUAL REPORT

## REPORT OF THE TRUST FUNDS OF THE TOWN OF BROOKFIELD

Name of Fund	Date of Creation	Amount	Balance Dec. 31, 1946	Dividends	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 1947
Reed A. Lang	Feb. 6, 1926	\$200.00	\$6.15	\$4.14	\$6.00	\$4.29
Thomas T. Deland	Aug. 8, 1927	50.00	16.37	1.33		17.70
Noah Robinson	June 30, 1944	100.00	3.79	2.07		5.86
Joseph N. Podrasnik	Aug. 29, 1944	500.00	28.17	13.14		41.31

A. FRANK GARNEY,  
 NORRIS E. CATE,  
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 Trustees.



